

The journey towards Open Access initiatives in Nigeria

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Introduction

- 2008: - 1st International Advocacy workshop funded by EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) in-collaboration with Department of Library and Information Science A.B.U. Zaria
- 2009 - Follow-up workshop

Objectives of these workshops



Create awareness of Open Access initiatives and for researchers to embrace OA

Encourage researchers to publish in OA journals

Develop technical know-how on how to deploy and maintain IR

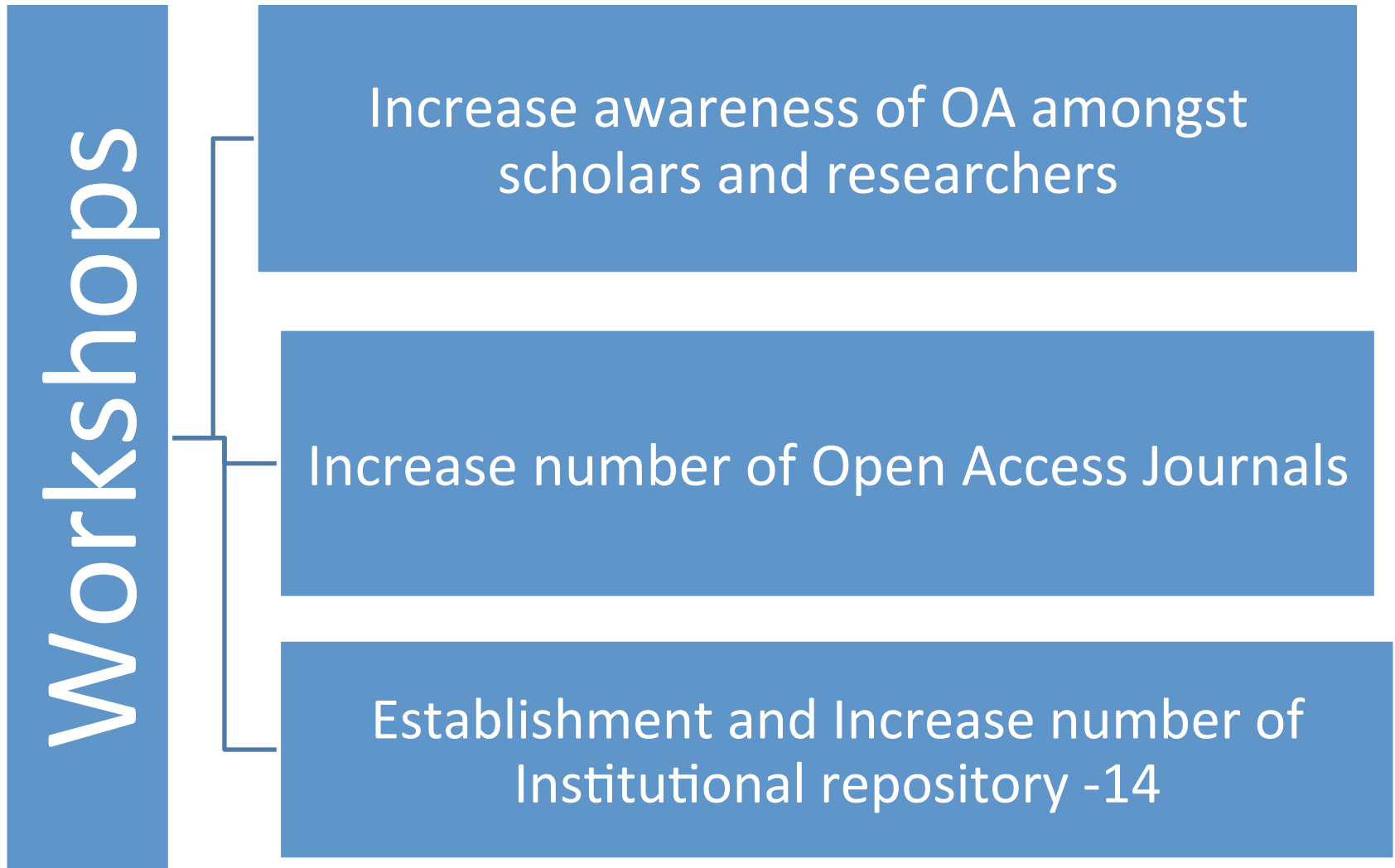
Objectives of these workshops



*Advocate for universities to develop
OA policies*

*Encourage researcher to deposit
their post and pre-print articles in IR*

Spin-off of OA workshops



Open Access Repositories in Nigeria

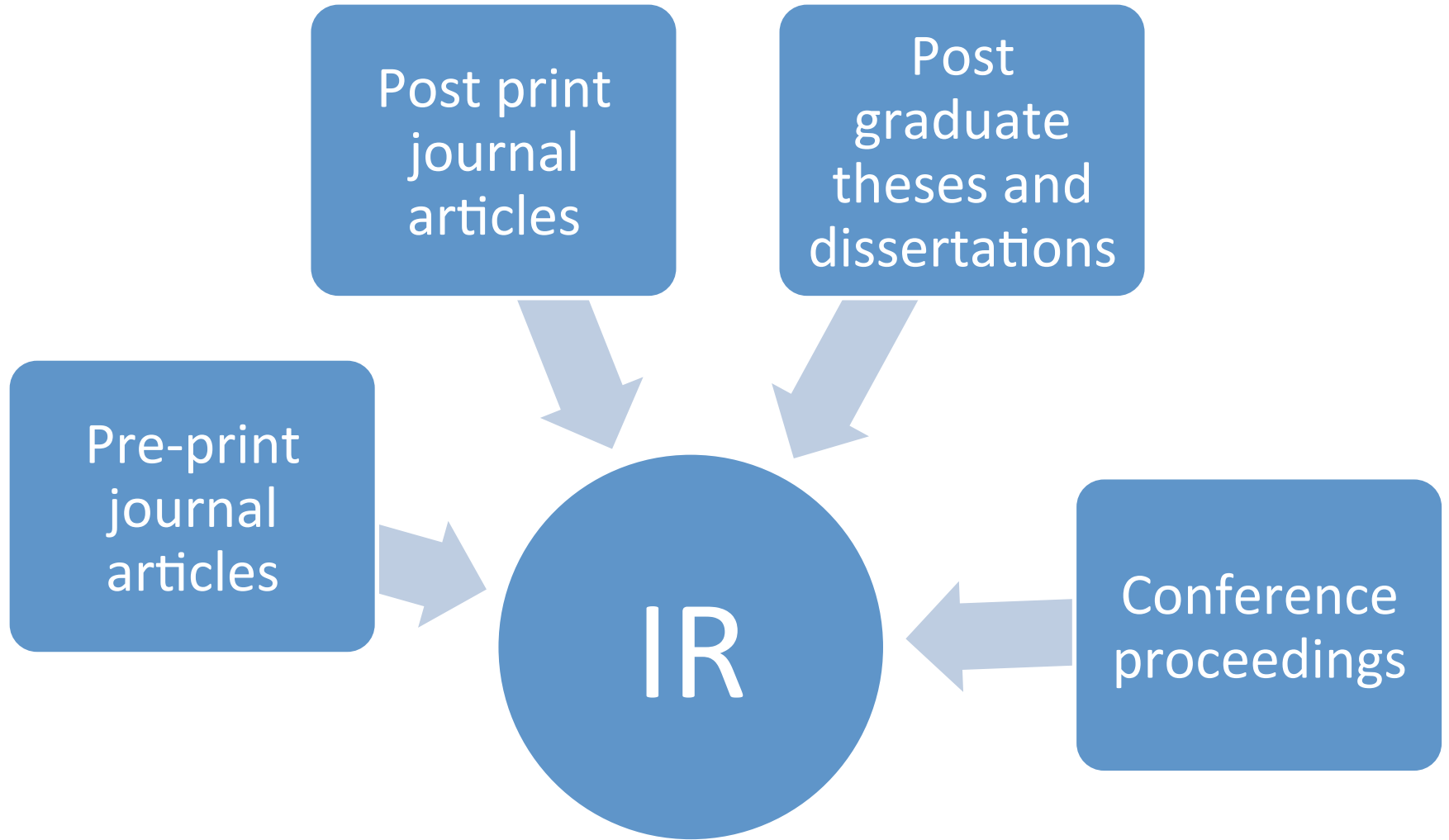
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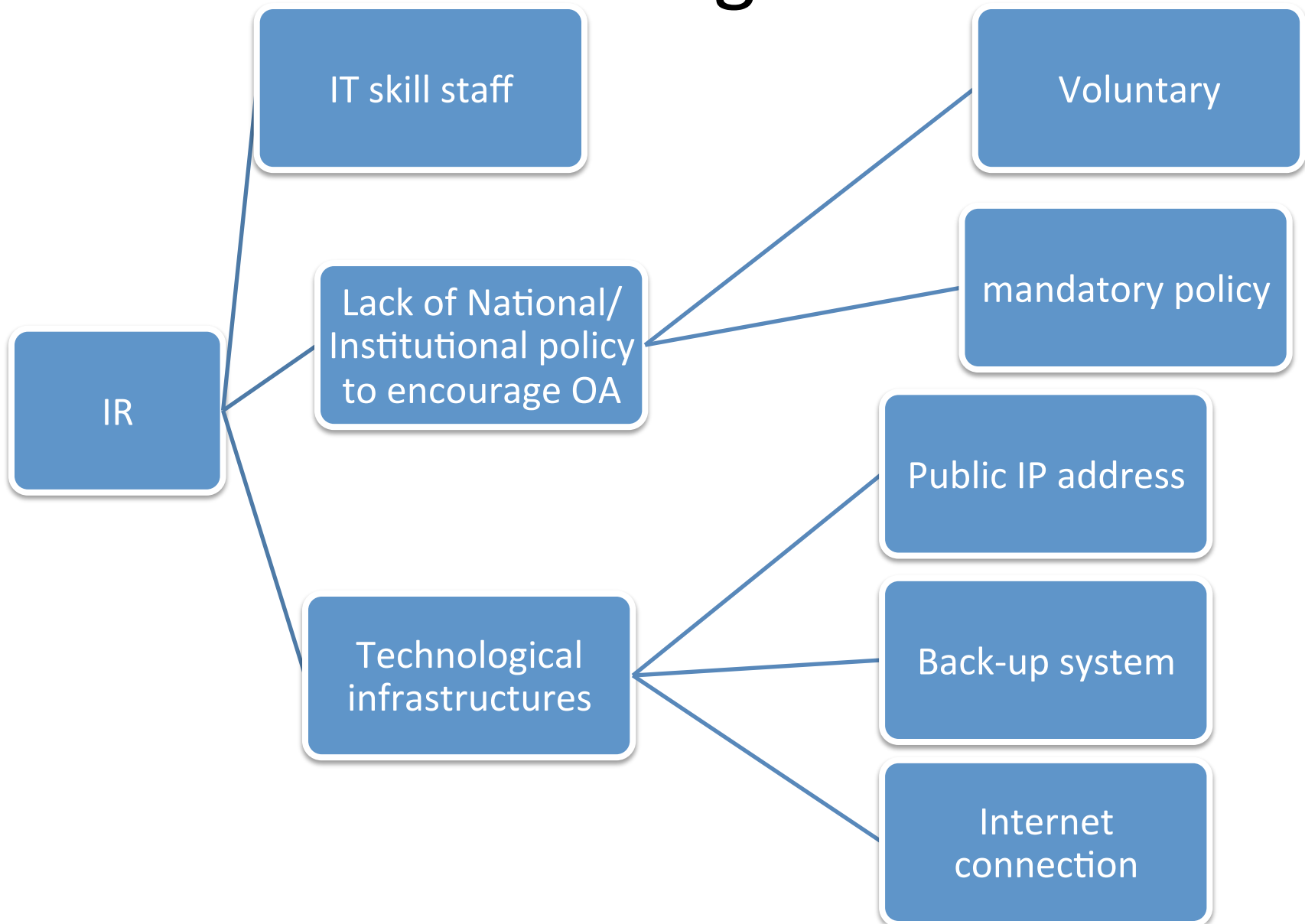
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Contents of the IR(s)



- ***Only 4 are OAI compliant***
- Many Institutions have deployed IR on their intranet

Challenges: IR



Open Access Journals

- More and more journals have adopted the Open access model
- [Open access journals indexed by AJOL](#): – 68/221 -
- DOAJ – 10
- [Bioline](#) - 7
- Libraries facilitate the use of Open Access journals through their websites

Way forward

- More advocacy workshop targeted to policy makers in research institutions (Director of Academic Planning, Dean Postgraduate schools)
- Development of institutions information infrastructures
- Provide a platform where editors can host their journals